

Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended.

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Audit Date 6/30/06	Opinion Date 8/4/06	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: 9-21-06	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

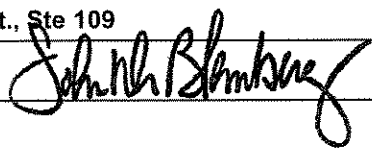
1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

- ☐ Yes ☒ No 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).
- ☐ Yes ☒ No 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	✓		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			✓
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			✓

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MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Financial Statements for the Years Ended
June 30, 2006 and 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Marquette County Solid Waste
Management Authority

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority as of and for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority as of June 30, 2006 and 2005, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated August 4, 2006 on our consideration of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's internal control structure over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 6 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Anderson, Tackman & Co. PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

August 4, 2006

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

Our discussion and analysis of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's financial performance provides an overview of the Facility's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2006. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which begin on page 7.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net assets for the Facility as a whole were reported at \$11,369,872 and \$11,485,151 as of June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Net assets are comprised of 100% business-type activities.
- During the year, the Facility's total expenses were \$2,691,795 while revenues from all sources totaled \$2,576,516 resulting in a decrease in net assets of \$115,279.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets provide information about the activities of the Facility as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Facility finances.

Reporting the Facility as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the Facility's finances is "Is the Facility as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets report information about the Facility as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include *all* assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the Facility's *net assets* and changes in them. You can think of the Facility's net assets – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the Facility's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in the Facility's net assets are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Facility's operating base and the condition of the Facility's capital assets, to assess the *overall financial health* of the Facility.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, we report all of the Facility's activities as business-type activities because the Facility charges a fee to residents to help it cover the cost of services it provides.

Table 1 provides a summary of the Facility's net assets as of June 30, 2006 and 2005.

Table 1
Net Assets

	2006	2005
Current and other assets	\$9,026,402	\$8,880,035
Capital assets, net	4,478,902	4,680,576
Total Assets	<u>\$13,505,304</u>	<u>\$13,560,611</u>

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

The Facility as a Whole (Continued)

	2006	2005
Current liabilities	\$386,585	\$367,892
Noncurrent liabilities	1,748,847	1,707,568
Total Liabilities	\$2,135,432	\$2,075,460
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets	\$3,738,902	\$3,730,575
Unrestricted	7,630,970	7,754,576
Total Net Assets	\$11,369,872	\$11,485,151

Net assets of the Facility's business-type activities stood at \$11,369,872. Unrestricted net assets—the part of net assets that could be used to finance day-to-day activities stood at \$7,630,970.

The \$7,630,970 in unrestricted net assets represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. The results of this year's operations for the Facility as a whole are reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets (see Table 2), which shows the changes in net assets for fiscal year 2006 and 2005.

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets

	2006	2005
Operating revenues:		
Service revenues	\$2,368,781	\$2,425,089
Operating expenses:		
Operations	(2,625,815)	(2,149,808)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Investment Income	140,408	362,784
Interest Expense	(65,980)	(78,300)
Municipal Fees and Contributions	67,327	65,110
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	141,755	349,594
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(115,279)	624,875
Net assets, beginning	11,485,151	10,860,276
Net Assets, Ending	\$11,369,872	\$11,485,151

The Facility's total revenues were \$2,576,526. The total cost of all programs and services was \$2,691,795 leaving a decrease in net assets of \$115,269 as a result of fiscal year 2006 operations.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2006 and 2005, the Facility had \$12,321,945 and \$11,783,438 invested in a variety of capital assets including land, buildings, and other equipment, respectively.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

The Facility as a Whole (Continued)

Debt

The Facility has an outstanding Refunding Bonded debt issue in the amount of \$740,000 at year end.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

In preparing the budget for the year ending June 30, 2007 there appears to be no anticipated changes in operations or funding concerns.

CONTACTING THE FACILITY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designated to provide our taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Facility's finances and to show the Facility's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Facility Administrator at Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, 600 County Road NP, Marquette, MI 49855.

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2006 and 2005

ASSETS	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,146,257	\$ 1,248,241
Accounts receivable	230,372	240,762
Prepaid expenses	30,221	39,962
Inventory	15,290	80,324
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,422,140</u>	<u>1,609,289</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS:		
Land	106,442	96,442
Land improvements	2,753,948	2,726,848
Area 1-Cell	1,593,270	1,593,270
Area 2-Cell	1,866,179	1,866,179
Area 3-Cell	1,184,405	1,184,405
Area 4-Cell	3,737	1,253
Area 5-Cell	25,985	6,104
Area 6-Cell	408	408
Area 7-Cell	199	199
Area 8-Cell	1,432	1,432
Area 9-Cell	2,741	2,741
Area 0-Cell	1,058,632	938,285
Cell expansion	60,608	60,608
Building and building improvements	972,209	963,319
Equipment	2,691,750	2,341,945
	<u>12,321,945</u>	<u>11,783,438</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	(7,843,043)	(7,102,862)
TOTAL NET CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>4,478,902</u>	<u>4,680,576</u>
DESIGNATED ASSETS:		
Investments:		
Construction funds	2,884,952	2,741,903
Equipment Replacement	2,172,733	2,125,711
Funded compensated absences	70,704	72,467
Host community fee	56,840	61,923
Contaminated soil	1,040,880	977,618
Household hazardous waste	136,878	128,953
Closure and postclosure care costs	311,050	291,841
TOTAL DESIGNATED ASSETS	<u>6,674,037</u>	<u>6,400,416</u>
RESTRICTED ASSETS:		
Perpetual Care	919,719	856,322
Unamortized bond issuance costs	10,506	14,008
TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS	<u>930,225</u>	<u>870,330</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>13,505,304</u>	<u>13,560,611</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	118,000	95,570
Accrued wages payable	16,955	32,422
Accrued sick and vacation payable	18,630	18,630
Other accrued expenses	-	-
Accrued interest payable	8,000	11,270
Current portion of bonds payable	225,000	210,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>386,585</u>	<u>367,892</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Bonds payable	515,000	740,000
Accrued closure and postclosure care costs	1,233,847	967,568
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,748,847</u>	<u>1,707,568</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,135,432</u>	<u>2,075,460</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,738,902	3,730,575
Reserved for perpetual care	919,719	856,322
Unrestricted	6,711,251	6,898,254
TOTAL NET ASSETS \$	<u>\$ 11,369,872</u>	<u>\$ 11,485,151</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Charges for services		
Tipping fees	\$ 1,617,027	\$ 1,575,632
Environmental escrow fee	14,955	15,858
Host community fee	61,417	65,338
Perpetual care fee	46,063	49,004
Fee for capital replacement	369,675	366,866
Contaminated soil fees	49,478	30,616
Household hazardous waste fees	36,457	39,487
Tires	22,535	21,042
Special waste	90,021	78,357
Miscellaneous	19,552	21,299
Carryover rebate	(280,541)	(213,829)
Grant proceeds	-	-
Reimbursements	6,326	2,041
Construction-sinking fund	315,816	373,378
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2,368,781</u>	<u>2,425,089</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and wages	509,880	435,862
Fringe benefits	232,301	170,573
Payroll taxes	41,161	37,340
Contractual services	125,473	205,884
Operating supplies	510,857	419,811
Rentals	2,234	12,522
Utilities	31,369	28,240
Insurance	59,358	29,185
Depreciation and amortization	743,684	601,082
Closure and postclosure care costs	266,279	91,074
Other operating expenses	103,219	118,235
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>2,625,815</u>	<u>2,149,808</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(257,034)	275,281
Other Income and Expense:		
Interest income	140,408	362,784
Collection from municipalities for debt service	16,696	19,301
Interest expense	(65,980)	(78,300)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE	<u>91,124</u>	<u>303,785</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS	(165,910)	579,066
Capital contributions	<u>50,631</u>	<u>45,809</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(115,279)	624,875
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>11,485,151</u>	<u>10,860,276</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 11,369,872</u>	<u>\$ 11,485,151</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
Cash Flows from Operations:		
Net cash received from charges for services	\$ 2,057,028	\$ 2,600,595
Other operating revenues	322,142	375,419
Cash paid for salaries and wages, fringe benefits, and payroll taxes	(798,809)	(644,780)
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(735,305)	(948,719)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	845,056	1,382,515
Cash Flows from Capital & Related Financing Activities:		
Cash received from municipalities for debt service	16,696	19,301
Cash received from municipalities for capital contributions	50,631	45,809
Interest paid on long-term debt	(69,250)	(80,052)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(210,000)	(190,000)
Fixed asset disposal	-	-
Fixed asset additions, net of trade in allowance	(538,507)	(486,652)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL & RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(750,430)	(691,594)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
(Increase) in restricted assets	(337,018)	(740,581)
Investment income (loss)	140,408	362,784
NET CASH (USED) IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(196,610)	(377,797)
NET INCREASE IN CASH	(101,984)	313,124
Cash, beginning of year	1,248,241	935,117
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,146,257	\$ 1,248,241

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED

BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Net operating income (loss)	\$ (257,034)	\$ 275,281
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	743,684	588,263
Closure and postclosure care costs	266,279	91,074
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	10,390	550,925
(Increase) decrease in inventory	65,034	(37,460)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	9,741	(37,234)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	22,430	(46,174)
Increase (decrease) in accrued wages	(15,467)	12,213
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences	-	(14,373)
	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 845,057	\$ 1,382,515

Non-Cash Activity

The following non-cash transaction was recorded during the current year to record the effects of GASB #18
"Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs."

Landfill closure and postclosure care liability	\$ 266,279	\$ 91,074
Closure and postclosure care expense	(266,279)	(91,074)
	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2006

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Description of the Reporting Entity– The Authority was incorporated on July 15, 1988, pursuant to Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, by the City of Marquette and the Township of Sands in order to provide for the disposal of solid waste to constituent municipalities in Marquette County, Michigan. The separate consolidated legal entity was designated as the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. Act 94 of the Public Acts of 1933 and the Authority's Articles of Incorporation authorize the Authority to issue self liquidating revenue bonds to finance the acquisition and construction of facilities as needed for the management and disposal of solid waste.

Basis of Accounting– Basis of accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied. The Authority's policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental proprietary funds and as such, funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis method of accounting revenue is recognized when earned, and expenses when incurred. The Authority applies all applicable FASB pronouncements in accounting and reporting for its operations.

Fixed Assets and Long-Term Liabilities– The Authority's activity, under the proprietary fund concept, is accounted for on a cost of service or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. Accordingly, all assets and all liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activity are included on the balance sheet with reported fund equity (net total assets) segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components.

Depreciation is provided in the Authority's financial statements in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated useful lives on the straight-line basis. Estimated useful lives by type of asset are as follows:

Land improvements	40 years
Building and improvements	40 years
Equipment	3 to 40 years

Costs incurred for the design and construction of individual cells are depreciated under the use method, which depreciates the cost incurred based on each cell's usage to date as a percentage of total capacity. Area 1-Cell and Area 2-Cell are fully depreciated as of June 30, 2006.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Depreciation recognized on assets acquired or constructed through contributions from municipalities restricted for capital acquisitions are closed into the appropriate contributed capital account. Net income (loss) adjusted by the amount of depreciation on fixed assets acquired in this manner is closed to retained earnings.

Amortization of Bond Issuance Costs – The costs of issuance of bonds are being amortized, on the straight-line method, over the life of the bonds.

Inventory – Inventories of operating and office supplies are stated at the lower of cost or market, determined by the first-in, first-out method of valuation.

Cash and Equivalents – For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Budget – The Authority follows these procedures in establishing budgetary data:

- a) Authority administration prepares and submits to the Authority Board a proposed operating budget prior to commencement of the fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them and is stated on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- b) The Authority Board formally adopts the finalized operating budget at a normal public meeting held prior to the commencement of the fiscal year.
- c) Authority administration is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between line items within departmental budgets with post transfer Board approval.
- d) Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
- e) The Authority is not legally required to adopt a budget, therefore no budgetary information discussed.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Authority to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The Authority is allowed to invest in bonds and other direct obligations of the United States or agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations

NOTE B – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued):

of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investments by local units of government in Michigan.

The Authority has designated one bank for the deposit of its funds. The investment policy adopted by the Board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in bonds and securities of the United States government and bank accounts and CD's, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above.

The Authority presently has certain deposits that are not in accordance with statutory authority.

The Authority's deposits and investments were reported in the following categories:

	2006	2005
Unrestricted:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,146,257	\$1,248,241
Designated assets:		
Construction funds	2,884,952	2,741,903
Equipment replacement	2,172,733	2,125,711
Compensated absences	70,704	72,467
Host community fee	56,840	61,923
Contaminated soil	1,040,880	977,618
Household hazardous waste	136,878	128,953
Closure and postclosure care costs	311,050	291,841
Restricted assets:		
Perpetual care	919,719	856,322
TOTAL	\$8,740,013	\$8,504,979

The breakdown between deposits and investments are as follows:

	2006	2005
Deposits and petty cash	\$661,052	\$1,242,364
Investments	8,078,961	7,262,615
Total	\$8,740,013	\$8,504,979

The bank balance of the Authority's deposits at June 30, 2006 is \$812,476 of which \$722,133 is insured by the federal depository insurance. The remaining balance of \$90,343 is uninsured and uncollateralized.

The Authority's investment balances were as follows:

	2006	2005
Federal Treasury Obligation Mutual Funds	\$904,749	\$1,240,821
Federal Agency Bonds	7,174,212	6,021,794
	\$8,078,961	\$7,262,615

NOTE B – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued):

At June 30, 2006 the Authority had the following investment maturities:

	Investment Maturities (In years)			
	Less Than 1	1-5	6-10	More Than 10
Federal Treasury Obligation Mutual Funds	\$904,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Agency Bonds	299,157	5,457,195	1,471,860	-
	<u>\$1,203,906</u>	<u>\$5,457,195</u>	<u>\$1,471,860</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE C – DESIGNATED ASSETS:

Construction Funds – Construction funds represent a portion of the tipping fee designated for ongoing and future cell construction at the landfill. Currently, \$5.73 per ton is deposited in a trust account for this purpose. The June 30, 2006 balance is \$2,884,952.

Equipment Replacement – The June 30, 2006 balance of \$2,172,733 represents money designated for ongoing equipment replacements, equipment financing and purchases of new equipment. At the present time, \$6.48 per ton is collected and deposited in trust accounts for this purpose.

Funded Compensated Absences – The Authority has earmarked funds to liquidate the compensated absence time earned but unused by employees that will become due and payable to them upon their termination or retirement. As of June 30, 2006, the Authority has accumulated \$70,704 for the liability due to employees upon severance.

Host Community Fee – Under the Intergovernmental Agreement, Sands Township is to receive \$1.00 per ton of waste disposed of at the facility for its role as host community. Collections are deposited in a trust account and paid to Sands Township once per year in July or August. The balance of deposits as of June 30, 2006 is \$51,840.

Contaminated Soil – For each ton of contaminated soil collected by the Authority, \$28.68 is deposited in a trust account to cover the costs of any future environmental problems associated with the disposal of the contaminated soil. The balance of deposits as of June 30, 2006 is \$1,040,880.

Household Hazardous Waste – The June 30, 2006 balance of \$136,878 represents money designated for the future costs of collection and disposal of Household Hazardous Waste. Currently, \$0.63 per ton is collected and deposited in a trust account for this purpose.

Closure and Post Closure Care Funds – Environmental Escrow Fee – For each ton of waste collected, the Authority deposits \$0.25 in a trust account to cover the costs of any future environmental problems. The balance as of June 30, 2006 is \$311,050.

NOTE D – RESTRICTED ASSETS:

Perpetual Care – Under Act 641 of the Public Acts of 1978, the Authority is required by the State of Michigan to establish and maintain a Perpetual Care Fund, to be used exclusively for closure, monitoring and maintenance of the landfill. Funding requirements for this fund are \$0.75 for each ton of solid waste disposed of at the facility. The balance of the Perpetual Care Fund as of June 30, 2006 is \$919,719.

NOTE E – BONDS PAYABLE:

1988 Issue Unrefunded Bonds – On November 3, 1988, the Authority originally issued Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority Bonds, Series 1988 in the amount of \$2,675,000 to pay for part of the cost of acquiring, constructing and establishing a sanitary landfill and a solid waste management system. Five of the constituent municipalities; the City of Marquette, Forsyth Township, Wells Township, Negaunee Township, and Ishpeming Township borrowed \$644,943 to fund their initial capital contribution in addition to their proportionate share of the Authority's debt. Repayment of this portion of the debt is to be provided by these constituent municipalities in annual installments over the term of the bond issue. Each constituent municipality has agreed to repayment of its proportionate share of the Authority's debt and the City of Marquette has pledged its full faith and credit for repayment of principal and interest. Interest is payable on November 1 and May 1 each year until the bonds are paid.

In July of 1993, the Authority advance refunded the portion of this issue maturing in fiscal years 1997 – 2009 with the 1993B Issue, Refunding Bonds. In essence, the Authority defeased these general obligation and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the Authority's financial statements.

1993B Issue, Refunding Bonds – On July 13, 1993 the Authority advance refunded the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, Series 1988 Bonds by issuing \$2,195,000 in Local Government Loan Program Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1993B through the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority. The bonds bear interest at an average coupon rate of 4.919% and are due in annual installments of between \$95,000 and \$270,000 from May 1, 1997, through May 1, 2009. Interest is payable on November 1 and May 1 each year until the bonds are paid.

The bonds are subject to early redemption in whole or in part in multiples of \$5,000 after November 1, 1998 at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of their principal amounts), plus accrued interest to the redemption date:

<u>Period during which Redeemed</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
May 1, 1998 and thereafter	102%

NOTE E – BONDS PAYABLE (Continued):

Annual maturities of the Local Government Loan Program Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1993B are as follows:

<u>Maturity Date May 1</u>	<u>Municipalities Portion</u>	<u>Authority's Portion</u>	<u>Total Maturity</u>
2007	\$54,248	\$170,752	\$225,000
2008	59,069	185,931	245,000
2009	65,097	204,903	270,000
	<u>\$178,414</u>	<u>\$561,586</u>	<u>\$740,000</u>

NOTE F – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - GENERAL PLAN:

The following information is based upon the latest available actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2005.

Plan Description

The Authority contributes to the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System ("System"), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for all Michigan municipal employees. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. That report may be obtained by writing to MERS at 447 North Canal Street, Lansing, Michigan 48917-9755.

The qualifying full-time employees of the Authority are eligible to participate in the System. Benefits vest after ten years of service. Authority employees who retire at or after the age of 60 with 10 years of credited service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount ranging from 2.0% to 2.5% of final average compensation. The System also provides death and disability benefits. These benefit provisions and all other requirements are established by State statute and the Authority's Board of Trustees.

Funding Policy

Authority employees are required to contribute 3 percent of the first \$4,200 of annual compensation and 5 percent of portions over \$4,200 of their annual salary to the System. The Authority is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to fund the System, using the actuarial basis specified by statute.

Annual Pension Cost

For the year ended June 30, 2006, the Authority's annual pension cost of \$35,556 for the plan was equal to the Authority's required and actual contribution. The annual required contribution was determined as part of an actuarial valuation at December 31, 2005, (latest available report) using the entry age normal cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions used include an 8.0% investment rate of return and projected salary increases of 4.5% per year. The actuarial value of assets is determined on the basis of a valuation method that

NOTE F – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - GENERAL PLAN (Continued):

assumes the fund earns the expected rate of return (8%), and includes an adjustment to reflect market value. Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities are amortized by level percent of payroll contributions over a period of 33 years.

**Analysis of Funding Progress
Three-Year Trend Information**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)- Entry Age (a)	Actuarial Value of Assets (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (a) - (b)	Funded Ratio (b/a)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((a-b)/c)
12/31/03	\$735,666	\$563,838	\$171,828	77%	\$309,807	55%
12/31/04	\$839,929	\$633,970	\$205,959	75%	\$280,992	73%
12/31/05	\$959,877	\$701,731	\$258,146	73%	\$389,717	66%

NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees' and natural disasters. The Authority currently participates with other municipalities and special purpose governments in the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, a public entity risk pool operating as a common risk management and insurance program. The Authority pays an annual premium for its general liability and real personal property protection. The Pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will pay for losses sustained in excess of specified deductible amounts.

The Authority continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE H – CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE CARE COST:

State and federal laws and regulations require the Authority to place a final cover on remaining open cells when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure.

Although closure costs on remaining open cells and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the Authority reports a portion of the closure and postclosure care costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date.

As of June 30, 2006, the Authority has consumed 28.3 percent of the estimated capacity of the landfill and has recognized \$1,233,847 of the estimated cost of closure and postclosure care of \$4,366,491.

NOTE H – CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE CARE COST (Continued)

The closure and postclosure liability estimate is based on what it would cost to perform all closure and postclosure care in fiscal 2006. The Authority expects to close the landfill in the year 2056. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

The Authority is required by state and federal laws and regulations to make annual contributions to a trust to finance closure and postclosure care. The Authority is in compliance with these requirements, and, at June 30, 2006, investments of \$1,230,769 are held for these purposes. These are reported as designated and restricted assets on the balance sheet. The Authority expects that future inflation costs will be paid from interest earnings on these annual contributions. However, if interest earnings are inadequate or additional postclosure care requirements are determined (due to changes in technology or applicable laws or regulations, for example), these costs may need to be covered by increases in tipping fees or from future tax revenue.

NOTE I – LETTERS OF CREDIT:

The Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority currently has letters of credit with a bank to meet operating license requirements in the amounts of \$2,821,182. The balance due on these letters of credit is -0- at June 30, 2006.

COMPLIANCE SUPPLEMENT



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees
Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 4, 2006. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we did not note any matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standards*. Instances of non-compliance or other matters are described in a separate letter to management dated August 4, 2006.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Authority, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC
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May 19, 2006



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Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority

*Report to Management Letter
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006*

Board of Trustees
Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority for the year ended June 30, 2006, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control. However, we did not note any matters involving the internal control and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control that, in our judgement, could affect the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. However, we did note other matters that did come to our attention that the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority should be aware of.

Other Matters

Executive Director Contract

In reviewing the contract it was discovered a signed and executed contract does not exist. The contract in addition to duties and termination contains clauses regarding compensation, business expenses, and paid leave provisions. As some of these have financial implications, good internal control dictates signed agreements are to be an essential part of the Authority's structure to properly evaluate these provisions for financial reporting.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's Board, management, and other legislative or regulatory body and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate and would like to thank the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's staff for the cooperation and courtesy extended to us during our audit. We would be pleased to discuss any comments or answer any questions regarding our audit with you at your convenience.

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

August 4, 2006



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August 4, 2006

Board of Trustees
Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority
Marquette, Michigan 49855

We have audited the financial statements of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority; Michigan for the year ended June 30, 2006, and has issued our report thereon dated August 4, 2006. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements, we performed test of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of the accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority are described in Footnotes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, Michigan during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). In our judgment, none of the adjustments we proposed, whether recorded or unrecorded by the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, either individually or in the aggregate, indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's financial reporting process.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Consultation with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principal to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in the performance of our audit.

Conclusion

This information is intended solely for the use of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, Michigan Board and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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